

U.S. Embassy Lusaka
Warden Message

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Increase of Vehicle-Based Robberies in Lusaka

The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens that there has been a substantial increase in vehicle-based robberies committed in the Lusaka area during daylight hours. Historically, people have only been robbed in their vehicles during the evening hours.

U.S. citizens should take the following precautions:

- Drive with the windows up and doors locked.
- If someone either on foot or in another vehicle attempts to get you to stop -- either by signaling or motioning, or attempts to use their vehicle to slow you down or block your path -- do not stop. Drive away from the situation.
- Immediately proceed to the closest safe haven, such as a police station or public area.
- Do not proceed to your residence; the person could be attempting to find out where you live.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Zambia are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Lusaka at the [Department of State's travel registration page](#) to obtain updated information on local travel and security. U.S. citizens

without Internet access may register directly with the Embassy. Registration is important; it allows the State Department to assist U.S. citizens in an emergency. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)" which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 if calling from outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line.

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